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HHHS announces 'likely' emergency department closures

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Emergency departments at hospitals in Haliburton County could be closed during certain hours and days in the coming weeks.

In an open letter to residents of Haliburton County, Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said ongoing challenges of staff shortages could lead to the closures, and that the situation could "persist for some time."

"We want to share with you some of the obstacles facing our organization and the impacts it may have on you," wrote Plummer, on behalf of the HHHS board of directors, in a letter first posted on social media on Nov. 22. "Our continued challenges around staffing and nursing capacity mean that, in the coming weeks, it is very likely we will need to reduce service at one of our emergency departments, including closures during certain hours and days."

Plummer said the letter was being shared to see STAFFING page 2



Showing up for Santa

Crowds lined the streets in downtown Minden on Nov. 20 for the return of the annual Santa Claus Parade, which was cancelled last year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. See page 14 for more photos. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH to begin land acknowledgements

by STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Times

Council meetings and other formal municipal events in Algonquin Highlands will now start with a land acknowledgement statement.

The mayor hopes it's the first step in a pro-

longed commitment to research and acknowledge contributions of Indigenous people on the land that now makes up the municipality.

At the Nov. 18 virtual meeting of council, Mayor Carol Moffatt said that formal documentation about Indigenous people in the area "is slim, but the legacy is not. Evidence of Indigenous use has been sprinkled all over

the place."

Before a vote on whether to start land acknowledgements was unanimously passed, she also asked for those working on the municipality's cultural plan to see how more Indigenous language can be shown throughout the community and for a heritage map

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Staffing shortage projected prior to vaccine policy: Plummer

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prepare residents, "as much as possible for this in advance." She noted that HHHS had been speaking about staffing challenges throughout the pandemic, but that "health human resource shortages pre-date the pandemic," and exist provincially as well as throughout the country and world.

"It has been a particular problem in rural communities, and there are other locations in Ontario that have been forced to reduce services due to a shortage of nursing staff," wrote Plummer. "This has been compounded by more typical staffing challenges, including retirements, injuries, parental leaves, and health issues, as well as factors influenced by the pandemic, including burnout and stress."

Plummer told the *Times* on Nov. 23 that HHHS is primarily dealing with a shortage of registered nurses and that staffing models mean it's not simply a matter of positions, but also shifts and schedules. HHHS is actively recruiting for an emergency department physician, registered nurses, and registered practical nurses.

"Although we have cast a net far and wide, seeking support from staffing agencies across the country and other healthcare organizations across Ontario, health human resource issues are everywhere," wrote Plummer. "If we are unable to find adequate staffing, we will have to close one of the emergency departments during a set number of hours and days. This situation may persist for some time and we may not be able to forecast when we can resume full operation at both emergency departments."

No decision has been made yet about which emergency department will need to reduce services.

"Patient and staff safety has been and will continue to be at the forefront of our discussions," wrote Plummer. "We will also continue to be led by our values of compassion, accountability, integrity, and respect. To make this difficult decision, we will consider typical volumes of patient visits to each emergency department; current staff schedules, gaps, and staffing models; the geographic location of each Emergency Department in relation to communities across Haliburton County; and feedback from our partners, including but not limited to the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health East, and Haliburton County Paramedic Service."

If the situation continues and HHHS reduces service at one of the emergency departments, Plummer said this decision will be communicated to the community as soon as possible, no later than 48 hours in advance of a planned reduction of hours or closure. However, HHHS will, said Plummer, "continue to do everything we can to find, hire, and train the staff needed to keep both our emergency departments open, and explore all possible support options and opportunities."

She asked that those in the community refer qualified staff to HHHS, noting permanent, full-time positions are available, as well as part-time and casual positions and that "as much as possible, access care through your family doctor or nurse practitioner whenever possible."



An open letter to the community from Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO, and the board of directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Nov. 23 notified the public that it is "very likely" service will be reduced at one of Haliburton County's hospitals, "including closures during certain hours and days," due to a staffing crisis. /File photo

"While this is not the situation anyone wanted to face, we are heartened to know that our incredible team at HHHS, our local health and emergency service providers, and the community as a whole will do all we can to keep each other healthy and safe," said Plummer.

Plummer stressed the current staff shortage is not related to the vaccination policy in place at HHHS, that the staffing issues had been building and HHHS had been trying to deal with them for some time.

Initially Plummer had said at a Sept. 23 board meeting that HHHS would not have a vaccine mandate in part because the requirement for mandatory vaccines might lead to even more drastic staffing shortages. That decision was reversed after the provincial government, on Oct. 1, announced that COVID-19 vaccinations would be mandatory for all long-term care home staff in the province.

"The vaccine policy process is one that has evolved over time; the decisions have been difficult, and have not been made lightly," Plummer told the *Times* in October in response to the change. "When the initial iteration of our vaccination policy was implemented, our vaccination rate was lower – i.e., fewer staff were vaccinated; also at that time, we were facing significant staffing challenges. Like several other smaller hospitals and healthcare organizations, we were concerned that a vaccine mandate could result in the need to reduce or even close some of our services. We also knew the

policy would evolve as the overall situation across the province evolved. At this point in time, more and more healthcare organizations are mandating vaccines, and the Ministry of Long-Term Care has now mandated vaccines for all long-term care staff, including those at HHHS who staff our two long-term care homes. Based on the need to support equity across the organization while also creating a safe environment for our patients, residents, clients, and staff, we updated our policy accordingly. At the time of the most recent policy revision, our staff vaccination rate has improved and our staffing challenges are less acute than they were several weeks ago."

Plummer said at that time both positive and negative feedback had been received regarding the initial policy direction and the revised policy direction.

"I want to be clear that we were beginning to project this staffing shortage before our vaccination policy came into effect and the policy has not impacted our shortage of registered nurses," Plummer told the *Times*. "Prior to November 15, 97.4 per cent of staff were either fully vaccinated or had received one dose and were able to continue working with regular testing and proof of their intention to receive their second dose once they are able. No registered nurses were placed on leave or resigned due to the policy, and the majority of the small number of staff on leave are in support areas rather than direct patient care."

COVID-19 vaccine info session planned for parents

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

effectively build community protection against COVID-19, we need to get as many people across all age groups, including children, fully vaccinated."

The information session is designed to provide information about the vaccine, how to prepare children for vaccination, potential side effects of the vaccine, and the ways to book a vaccination appointment. With the variety of panelists, par-

ents can have their questions answered and will receive information from public health representatives, as well as family physicians.

Visit hkpr.on.ca for more information on how to view the session and pre-submit questions.

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	2	4	0	152	149	4	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	3	32	0	1,328	1,280	53	45	13
Northumberland	9	27	0	1,051	1,025	37	17	0
Total***	14	67	0	2,531	2,454	94	63	13

One additional hospitalization in Haliburton County

Two new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Haliburton County by the health unit on Nov. 22, as well as a hospitalization - the fourth in the county since the pandemic began. /Screenshot from HKPRD health unit

While Health Canada has approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children five and older, Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit, said she understands parents might have questions about the vaccines. "We know some parents are questioning the need and the safety of the vaccine and this information session is the perfect opportunity to talk about those concerns and help clear up some of the misinformation and fear that may be circulating," said Bocking. "While children are less likely to get really sick from COVID-19, there are still many reasons why they need the protection offered by the vaccine."

The health unit is hosting a virtual meeting with a panel of local health care providers on Dec. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. with a recording available after the meeting to help share information on COVID-19, and the vaccine approved for children. The panel includes Bocking as well as family physicians and a public health nurse.

"Children can contribute to the spread of the virus at home and in other settings," said Bocking. "In order for us to most

Vaccines approved, appointments open for kids

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Health Canada has approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for kids aged five to 11.

In a much anticipated announcement last Friday, Pfizer's Comirnaty became the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for a younger age group meaning it will soon be available to 11,115 children across the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district area – 844 of those children being in Haliburton County.

The vaccine has been authorized for use in those 16 and older since December of last year, and for children aged 12 to 15 since May. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district unit's website notes appointments could be made beginning Nov. 23, and the first date for pediatric vaccination appointments is Nov. 29.

"This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in this age group and marks a major milestone in Canada's fight against COVID-19," reads a Nov. 19 press release from Health Canada.

Health Canada received the submission of data from Pfizer-BioNTech for children aged five to 11 on Oct. 18, announcing at that time the group would review it to ensure the vaccine is safe and effective for younger age groups. Moderna also submitted data for its vaccine for the same age group last week, which is currently under review.

"After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, the department has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between five and 11 years of age outweigh the risks," reads Friday's statement from Health Canada. "Health Canada has authorized a two-dose regimen of 10 micrograms to be administered three weeks apart, which is a lower dose than the 30 micrograms two-dose regimen authorized for people 12 years of age and older. The clin-



Health Canada has approved Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for kids aged five to 11. The announcement was made on Nov. 19, and pediatric doses are expected to be distributed throughout Canada this week. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

ical trial showed that the immune response in children five to 11 years of age was comparable to the immune response in people 16 to 25 years of age. The vaccine was 90.7 per cent effective at preventing COVID-19 in children five to 11 years of age and no serious side effects were identified."

The federal government has said more than 2.9 million pediatric doses of vaccine – about one-third the size of the adult dose – will be available as early as this week. While the two-dose regimen is authorized to be given three weeks apart, which could mean some kids could be vaccinated by Christmas, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization has recommended doses be given at least eight weeks apart for the best immune response.

The HKPRD health unit has been preparing for the possible approval of the vaccine, and reopened mass vaccine clinics throughout the region, including in Minden, last month. Dr.

Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health, said it was likely there wouldn't be a tiered system for different ages and that anyone between the ages of five to 11 would likely be able to receive their vaccine when available. She said it will be available at the vaccine clinics, as well as through some medical offices and pharmacies, but there are not yet plans for in-school vaccine clinics.

"Possible side effects can include: sore arm, swelling, redness near the injection site, tiredness, headache, achy muscles/joints, fever and chills," reads the health unit's page on the COVID-19 vaccine for children. "Very rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis (heart inflammation) have been reported. The benefit of COVID-19 vaccination outweighs the very rare risk."

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, just more than 21 per cent of COVID-19 cases in Canada to date have been in people under the age of 19. Since

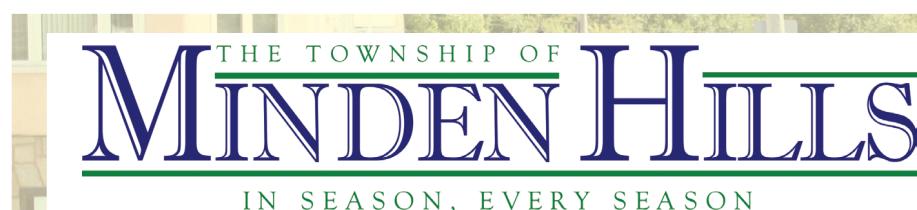
the pandemic began in March 2020, more than 1,950 people under the age of 19 have been hospitalized, accounting for just more than two per cent of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in Canada. Nineteen people in that age group have died.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been administered in youth in the United States since the beginning of this month. Children above six in countries including Chile, Ecuador, China and Malaysia, and children as young as two in Cuba and three in Argentina and the United Arab Emirates have been able to access different brands of vaccinations since as early as June this year.

According to Health Canada, terms and conditions have been placed requiring ongoing safety and efficacy information to be submitted by Pfizer-BioNTech.

"This will provide the department with more data from ongoing studies and real-world use to ensure that the benefits of the vaccine continue to outweigh any risks, as well as to detect any potential new safety signals in any age group," reads the Nov. 19 statement. "In keeping with the department's commitment to openness and transparency, Health Canada is publishing multiple documents related to this decision, including a high-level summary of the evidence it reviewed. Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to closely monitor the safety of this vaccine, and will take action if any safety concerns are identified."

Further information on how the vaccines are studied and tested, possible side effects and specific information about vaccines approved is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/vaccination-children/covid-19.html>. Families with children can also visit <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/> or call 437-881-3505 to book an appointment to speak to a pediatric registered nurse about questions and concerns.



(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

November 25 – Regular Council Meeting
December 9 – Regular Council Meeting
December 9 – 2nd Draft Budget Meeting

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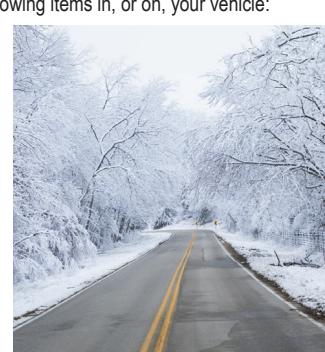
The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2022 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for December 9, 2021.

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'Fairly slow trajectory' toward 90 per cent vaccine target: MOH

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Nov. 17 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

As of last week, the coverage rate of individuals aged 12 and over across the health unit who have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine is 86.5 per cent, while 83.7 per cent have received two doses of vaccine.

"Over the last two to three weeks, we've seen a steady decline in the number of people coming for their first doses," said Bocking.

For several weeks throughout the health unit jurisdiction there were still about 1,000 people per week coming to get their first vaccine, which decreased to about 400 people per week, and now about 200 to 300 people are showing up for their first dose. To date, there are 23,000 people aged 12 and older across the region that are eligible for vaccination that have not yet received a first dose. Bocking said, "many other regions across the province" have been able to reach the tar-

get of 90 per cent of the population having received at least one dose of vaccine.

"I think we can certainly still achieve this across HKPR, but we're on a fairly slow trajectory to try and achieve that, so I think I would encourage anyone that has yet to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to at least discuss it with your healthcare provider, to ensure that you're accessing accurate information about the vaccine, and for family members and friends that know of individuals that have not been vaccinated, have a respectful conversation about the risks and benefits of vaccine and point friends and family toward sources of information that are accurate about COVID-19 vaccine," said Bocking.

Public health unit monitoring local case numbers during surges

Bocking said in terms of issuing public health directives, the health unit is monitoring very closely the numbers in the area and in the surrounding area and across the province.

"We know that at some point in time, when cases reach a high enough level, what is necessary are further public health restrictions to bring those numbers down," she said.

Other regions in the province, including northern Ontario, have had to issue additional instructions recently such as low-

ering capacity limits.

"It's certainly, if we reach that point, and hopefully we don't, it would be a consideration," she said. "We look at all of the tools available in order to prevent further spread, especially if it's reaching a point where it is a significant burden on our acute care system, because we certainly wouldn't want to see things like surgeries being cancelled or that sort of thing in this region."

HKPR "faring quite well"

Since the start of the pandemic, 2,522 cases of COVID-19 have been recorded across the HKPR region, with 14 unresolved cases – one in Haliburton County – at the time of last week's media briefing. Since the beginning of the school year, a total of 25 cases have been identified among the school-aged population or staff, none related to spread within schools but which have resulted in quarantining of classrooms and bus cohorts. The incidence rate as of Nov. 17 was 6.9 cases per 100,000, and test positivity as of Nov. 9 was less than one per cent, sitting at about 0.7 per cent. Some health unit jurisdictions are recording an incidence rate of 100 cases per 100,000.

"Really, overall for HKPR jurisdiction we are faring quite well compared to other areas in the province," said Bocking. She noted the overall numbers of cases in the province have started to increase with some health unit areas experiencing a "significant surge," and some jurisdictions recording the highest number of cases they've had to date.

"I think, knock on wood, there are things we can continue to do collectively to try and keep our numbers as low as possible, but I think we also need to be aware that there's always the potential for there to be further spread of COVID-19," she said. "Despite having high vaccination coverage currently, we know that it's not quite high enough to prevent to prevent further community transmission and some sporadic outbreaks."

Bocking noted HKPR is "not an island," that people are travelling in and out of the area, and that the tools available to prevent the spread of COVID-19 should be used: vaccinations, properly-worn masks, and caution around which gatherings are being attended.

Majority of cases among adults 20 to 39

Of the 24 new cases identified in the past 14 days, almost 42 per cent of those cases did not have an identifiable source for exposure, a general indication of community transmission. Of those cases, 25 per cent were identified to be among the age group of 50 to 59-year-olds with the vast majority being in the age groups of 20 to 29 and 30 to 39. In the past two weeks there have been two hospitalizations.

"Which to me just indicates that COVID-19 can still continue to cause significant illness," said Bocking.

Of the 362 cases identified since July 1, 61.3 per cent are among individuals that had received no vaccinations, 18.3 per cent were partially protected or considered to be not yet fully protected by vaccination and 20 per cent were fully vaccinated.

"This isn't surprising, it's not a concerning trend, I think we know that the vaccinations are not 100 per cent effective," said Bocking. "They're very protective and quite effective at preventing certainly severe illness, hospital admission, ICU stays. Good protection against symptomatic illness, but not 100 per cent protection. They're still the best prevention tool we have."

Accessing vaccine by walk-in or appointment

The health unit continues to offer vaccine clinics at five different sites – in Minden, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Cobourg and Colborne – across the jurisdiction throughout the week when resources are available, and at some high schools on weekends. Those seeking third shot boosters according to provincial policy eligibility should make an appointment through the provincial booking system to avoid waits, although walk-in sessions are available between 3:30 and 4:30 at clinics. Those seeking first or second doses do not need an appointment at any time. Pharmacies and healthcare providers continue to offer the vaccine as well. For more information visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



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Land acknowledgement to open council meetings

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ping project to add more references to First Nations peoples.

The land acknowledgement that will now be read pays homage to First Nations groups that were impacted by the Williams Treaties.

That treaty was signed by the federal and provincial government in 1923, with seven Chippewa and Mississauga nations. It overlapped with several pre-existing treaties.

Chad Ingram, Algonquin Highlands communications co-ordinator, pointed out that the treaty ceded 50,000 square kilometres of land between Lake Ontario and Lake Nipissing (including land that now makes up Haliburton County) to become Crown land, in exchange for cash and harvesting rights.

"The treaties led to decades of disputes and legal battles between the Williams Treaties First Nations and the provincial and federal governments, with one of the central arguments being that harvesting rights that had been guaranteed by pre-Confederation treaties were not meant to be surrendered with the signing of the Williams Treaties," reads Ingram's report. "A 1981 court decision upheld these harvesting rights. In 2018, Treaty 20 was reaffirmed, the federal and provincial governments issued official apologies for the impacts of the Williams Treaties, and through a settlement issued more than \$1.1 billion in compensation."

The acknowledgement that will be read states:

"We respectfully acknowledge that the

Township of Algonquin Highlands is located on Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory, and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which are Curve Lake, Rama, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations. We acknowledge a historical shared presence of Indigenous nations throughout the area, and recognize its original, Indigenous inhabitants as the stewards of its lands and waters since time immemorial."

The municipality prepared the statement by working with Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation (Michi Saagiig), as well as the Algonquins of Ontario, a treaty organization that includes the Whitney and Area Algonquins.

"It's more complicated than two or three sentences," Ingram said. "We are acknowledging human history in this area over a span of 10,000 years."

Ingram's report to council stated that, "For millennia, the lands that are part of the present-day Township of Algonquin Highlands were used by First Nations as hunting, fishing and trapping grounds. Hunter-gatherer societies, they moved around the area seasonally, living lightly on the land, hence leaving relatively little archaeological evidence of their presence."

Staff recommended the land acknowledgement be read at the outset of council meetings, prior to some public speeches by members of council within the township and that it be posted on the township's website.



Algonquin Highlands council voted on Nov. 18 to, going forward, read a land acknowledgement statement at council meetings and prior to some public speeches by members of council within the township. The Williams Treaties were signed in 1923 by the federal and provincial government and seven Chippewa and Mississauga nations, transferring 50,000 square kilometres of land between Lake Ontario and Lake Nipissing (including land that now makes up Haliburton County) to the Crown./Photo from Algonquin Highlands civicweb

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For the parents

THANK GOODNESS it was Friday, but last week millions of parents across the country were celebrating not just the end of the week, but the much-anticipated announcement of Health Canada's approval of a COVID-19 vaccine for children five and older. While the vaccine has been available to those 16-and-older since December, and 12-and-older since May, almost 900 kids five-and-older in Haliburton County have remained unvaccinated during the ongoing pandemic (the vaccine has not yet been approved for those younger than five yet).

On Tuesday morning, vaccine bookings opened at around 8 a.m. for those in the under-12 age group. By 10 a.m., almost 70,000 appointments had been made in Ontario.

But not all parents raced to sign their kids up for appointments. Some people seemed to spend that time sharing misinformation in the form of really, really bad memes online to a dizzying degree, while others still have legitimate questions and need trustworthy sources and guidance to make an informed decision.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit, was anticipating that. In a press release on Monday, she said the health unit knew some parents are questioning "the need and the safety of the vaccine." As a result, the health unit is offering an information panel for parents to help them better understand more why vaccines are being offered to children, and how their safety has been monitored to date.

"Children can contribute to the spread of the virus at home and in other settings," Bocking has said. "In order for us to most effectively build community protection against COVID-19, we need to get as many people across all age groups, including children, fully vaccinated."

We know that COVID-19 vaccines have so far been effective in helping to reduce infection and potentially serious complications. We also know,

like Bocking has said, that while most children are less likely to get really sick from COVID-19, there are reasons why they should be vaccinated as another way, apart from masks and social distancing, to protect themselves and others against the spread of the virus.

As we know, children have been greatly at risk of the collateral harms of the pandemic. They've experienced disruptions in school, social life, family life and as a result have encountered increased anxiety, isolation, exacerbated social inequities and a world turned upside down. Healthcare professionals are noting that vaccination of the school-aged population will help to keep schools open and fewer people quarantining at home, prevent the spread of COVID-19 between those vaccinated and unvaccinated and help protect the immunocompromised.

Parents need to make the best choices for their kids, but the decisions we make need to be educated and informed. The health unit's panel can help with that, as can your family doctor.

Fast Facts on COVID-19
Vacs for Kids, the

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit's virtual panel discussion, will take place on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. It's a chance for parents to ask questions and hear from family physicians, a public health nurse and a medical officer of health to understand better the reasons why the vaccine is considered safe, effective and recommended for kids. To sign up for that discussion or to submit questions in advance, visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

Further information on how the vaccines are studied and tested, possible side effects and specific information about vaccines approved is available at www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/vaccination-children/covid-19.html. Families with children can also visit www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/ or call 437-881-3505 to book an appointment to speak to a pediatric registered nurse about questions and concerns.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



"Oh! Alex, my new therapist,
meet John, my old therapist."

Brushes with greatness

THE OTHER day I asked Jenn if she had any thoughts on the best methods for removing burrs and other clingy vegetation from long ear hair.

She suggested I wouldn't have that problem if I just trimmed them more often.

It was a good answer, but I was asking for the dog.

If you own a bird dog, you probably understand.

That's because at the end of any hunt, the typical bird dog comes in with enough vegetation to restock a large seed library. Most of it is buried and tangled in their ears and tails.

It's no wonder either. A good bird dog will shimmy though places filled with so many burrs, thorny canes and stickers that it is a wonder they come out the other side. In fact, I have often thought that if I attached a Velcro strip in the back seat of my car, I wouldn't need to put a seatbelt harness on the dog for the ride home.

As a result, after every outing with your dog, a hunter must spend a good deal of time brushing out both ends of the dog – and sometimes, if it has hunted through particularly thick cover, you're not sure which end is which.

To be honest, I spend more time brushing my dog's hair than I do my own. And it shows.

This is fraught with peril. When you spend all that time and care brushing out your dog's hair, you risk the ire of the woman you love. After all, this uncharacteristic activity does not go unnoticed by other members of the family – especially if you ask them how to do braids.

Eventually, they will see how careful, gentle and meticulous you are at brushing

out your dog's ears and tail and they will ask the question that strikes terror into our hearts.

They say, "Can you brush out my hair?"

There is no good answer.

Can you? Certainly you can.

Can you do it without repeatedly patting her on the head and saying, "Who's a good girl?"

Well, that takes more focus than most of us possess.

Also, no matter how you try to convey it, the woman in your life cannot see that these are two very different things. With one, you are doing it solely out of love to deepen the bonds in the relationship and show gratitude for all the things your partner does for you. With the other, you are just doing it out of necessity, and only because she asked.

Also, your dog forgives you if you pull too hard on a tangle or use scissors to cut out a particularly difficult piece.

It's no wonder the people you buy hunting dogs from fail to mention this. Otherwise, we would all be looking for breeds with much less hair.

Having said all this, I actually enjoy sitting with my dog after a hunt and making sure that all the stowaways in her coat are removed. And I also like how she appears to enjoy the attention and gentle care given so that she her coat can be mat free.

The other day Jenn asked me why I do it so diligently.

I told her it was because I didn't feel it was fair for an innocent creature to have to live with so much irritation.

She then asked if I felt the same about her.

I said yes and spent the next few hours alone in the basement.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The problems of economic growth

I'VE BEEN struggling with a problem that many older cottage owners are facing.

Cottages used to be family heritage items passed from one generation to the next. Passing them on has become difficult - perhaps impossible - for many families.

Anyone inheriting a cottage in Ontario must pay estate administration tax (1.5 per cent of its value) and federal capital gains tax on 50 per cent of the dollar difference between the original cottage cost and its current value.

Cottage prices, like other types of real estate, have gone berserk so anyone inheriting a family cottage might be looking at paying tens of thousands - even hundreds of thousands - of dollars in fees and taxes. Families without that kind of big money are forced to sell the places.

I have considered this an isolated problem affecting the tiny portion of the population fortunate enough to own a cottage.

This week while reading Yuval Harari, the Israeli historian and intellectual, I realized that my problem is not an isolated one. Yes, it is small, and isolated to cottage country, but it is a reflection of a huge problem affecting all humanity.

That problem is our demand for constant economic growth.

Yuval Noah Harari, author of the bestselling books *Sapiens* and *Homo Deus*, writes that economic growth exploits natural resources, seriously changing the environment and human life. Climate change is bringing us flooding, droughts and wildfires, zoonotic diseases, mutating viruses, extinctions, and distress migrations.

Our leaders jabber away at conferences, like the recent COP26, about needed restraint but little will change. Unchecked growth will continue because there are hundreds of millions of people around the world who don't have what we have, and they want it.

India has 1.38 billion people, China 1.44 billion. Combined, that's three billion people, most of whom do not have the lifestyles that we do - autos, nice houses, appliances, the Internet - all things that involve degrading the environment.

We've been working to limit the damage caused by growth but often we create new problems while trying to solve the old.

The battery revolution is an example. Power everything with batteries and you eliminate the huge environmental damage caused by burning fossil fuels. Batteries, however, cause other environmental damage.

Battery operated devices require lithium and cobalt, two elements that are mined. Dust from cobalt mining contains particles believed to cause a variety of serious health problems. Mining waste often pollutes rivers, lakes and drinking water.

Lithium also is mined and like any mining has a toll on the environment, creating many tonnes of waste rock and industrial debris. Mining lithium also requires water - as much as 500,000 gallons per tonne of lithium, according to reports from South America.

Looking at a map it appears the world has an abundance of water, however, only three per cent of it is fresh and is being reduced quickly.

The United Nations says that four billion people - roughly two-thirds of the world population - experience severe water shortage at least one month of every year. It also says that 700 million people worldwide could be displaced by severe water shortages in the next eight years.

All this makes the problem of passing along a cottage appear pretty insignificant.

Humanity always has worked to find solutions to problems and will continue trying to solve major ones like climate change, or lesser ones like unrealistic real estate prices created by the unquenchable thirst of economic growth.

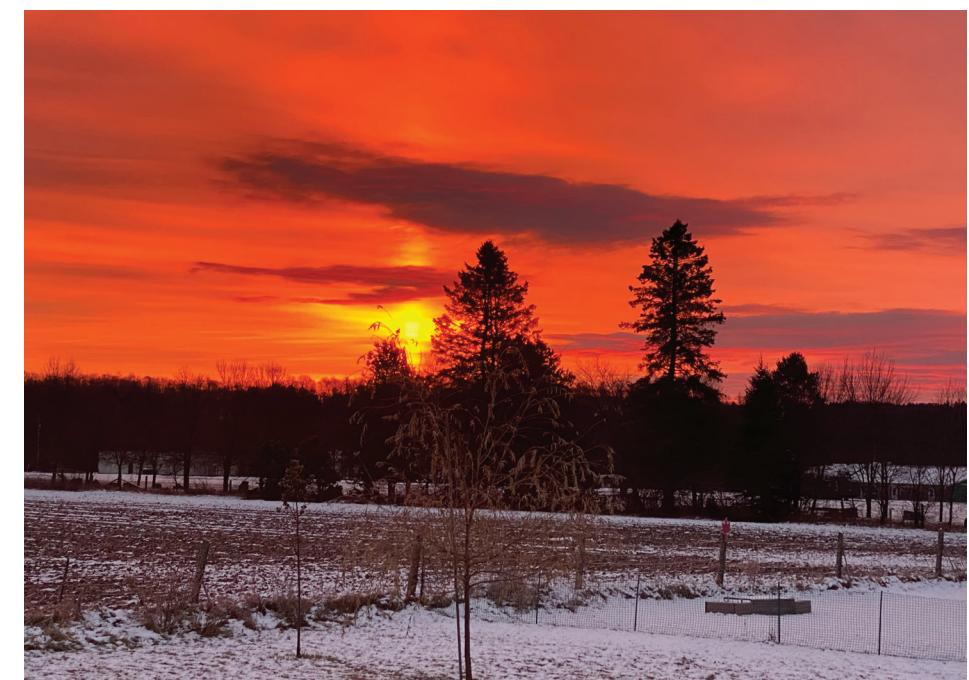
Our history is filled with examples of brilliant solutions to seemingly impossible problems. Medicines eradicated devastating diseases. Artificial devices allowed millions of people with lost limbs to enjoy normal lives. Electricity freed us from living much of our lives in darkness. The printing press helped us build the ability to deal with new and difficult situations.

But we still must answer the big questions about growth. How long are we willing to continue the production and consumption of stuff that is destroying our planet? Can we find ways to produce only what we really need and still dramatically reduce the damage we create?

Whether we find brilliant solutions to deal with the problems of growth, I guess will be found in - as author Harari puts it in *Homo Deus* - the history of tomorrow.



JIM POLING SR.
From *Shaman's Rock*



The sun also rises on Bobcaygeon Road. / Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

Letters to the editor

An undeniable buzz

To the Editor,

Like many other county residents, I found myself on the sidewalk along Bobcaygeon Road on Saturday morning, awaiting the start of the first Minden Santa Claus Parade in two years.

It was surreal to see the main drag lined with so many human beings. The faded familiarity of a not-so-distant dream. An undeniable buzz hovering in the air above the village.

Our youngest daughter is two-and-a-half years old, so, as we approach the two-year mark of the pandemic, the last time she was at any event of such magnitude, she was an infant.

I held her in my arms, watching her eyes explode with wonder. The lights and sirens of fire trucks and police cruisers. Floats with bubbles and tinsel and wintry scenes. Marching bands. Everyone waving at her. Santa Claus.

Thank you to the Township of Minden Hills, the parade organizers, the volunteers, the musicians (especially Hugh Taylor), and to the businesses that so quickly assembled floats to make the whole thing happen.

Chad Ingram
Minden Hills

The snow plow problem

To the Editor,

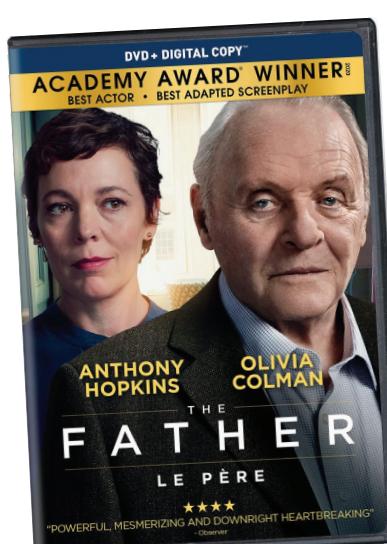
Thanks to Jim Poling Sr. (From *Shaman's Rock*, Nov. 10) for a good explanation about snow plow insurance!

Jim Love (Letter to the Editor, Nov. 17) is a good example of the problem. I believe it will continue until it is that you must report a slip and

fall accident immediately, not days later. Then it can be determined footwear and actual conditions so we can prove the conditions at that time. Not try to do so months later!

Tom Prentice Sr.
Minden

Authors to Actors - November



In this Academy Award-winning film starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman, Anthony, a loving father, finds himself sinking ever deeper into the depths of dementia. He wants no help at all from his daughter, Anne, who continues to introduce carer after carer for him with little acceptance. But Anne cannot follow where her father is going. Slowly but surely, Anthony finds himself doubting everyone and everything around him. Will he be able to find peace in his new reality before he passes away or will he leave without knowing just how much he means to his family? A poignant and heart-breaking look into the emotions that arise when dealing with dementia, this heart-wrenching film is based on a novel of the same name, and is even directed by the novel's original author, Florian Zeller, which makes it an absolutely stellar adaptation. Check out the DVD from the Haliburton County Public Library today.

Four exercises in five minutes

OUR BODIES love variety! I could tell you that is one of life's best kept secrets that I'm sharing with you, but it's not a secret. I believe on some level we all know that our bodies love variety especially when it comes to movement.

It's been a long time since I've done any type of weight training or completed scheduled workouts. In fact I think the last time I was in a gym was in December of 2016.

Given that I'm a "fitness professional" it's kind of funny that I don't like working out. I am grateful that my current daily routine includes lugging heavy stuff (wood to the woodstove) and climbing hills (welcome to the Haliburton Highlands - it's hard to avoid them). Still with all of this going on, I like to include basic exercises on a daily basis.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

Recently, I changed up my exercise routine to include four exercises that move my body in almost every direction. Interested in hearing more, keep reading!

Push-ups: These will always be on my list! They are the perfect exercise. It doesn't matter if you do them at the wall or on the floor (from your knees or toes) there are great benefits to doing any type of push-up because they work your chest, arm, abdominal and back muscles. If you're doing them on the floor that's a plus because it means you could turn them into a burpee. Even better is to do a burpee with a push-up in between the getting down and getting up part.

Chin-ups / Pull-ups: I am fortunate to have a chin-up bar in the house. I also have one of those chin-up assist bands. Sometimes I think of it as cheating but hey, whatever gets me doing chin-ups and pull-ups on a regular basis is a good thing. If you don't have access to a chin-up bar there's a way to do chin-ups/pull-ups by lying under a table. Instructions are available on the internet.

Turkish Get-ups: I believe that the Turkish Get-up is the best exercise ever. Of course, I love any exercise that involves getting down to the floor and back up again. The

Turkish Get-up recruits so many muscles, including the important stabilizing muscles and it requires multi-direction movement patterns. The other huge benefit is that it engages your brain. It's not an exercise you can do on auto-pilot. Again, there are instructions for this exercise on the internet.

Skipping: Skipping is not just for kids and boxers! One of the tricks to getting started with skipping a little goes a long way. Start with 5 to 10 jumps in a row and add more as you're ready. Once you're jumping well with two feet, change it up. There's all kinds of fancy footwork that can be done. That makes skipping another great exercise for the brain. If you don't have a place to skip then pretend to skip. Jump up and down while rotating your hands as if there was

rope in them. How does that saying go? "Where there's a will, there's a way."

These four exercises offer a variety of movements. Ultimately they make up a full body workout. In order to benefit from the workout you first have to do it, and second do enough of each exercise to leave you slightly fatigued. There's no reason to do them all together. Do one a day. As the folks at Nike like to say ... "just do it!"

Something to think about.

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One step at a time

A stroll along Minden's riverwalk on Nov. 19. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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‘Tough choices’ for AH ahead of 2022 budget

by STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Times

Dozens of public works infrastructure projects, as well as projects from planning, building, parks and fire services departments, will challenge Algonquin Highlands in 2022.

Council is already preparing for its 2022 budget and held a four-and-a-half hour virtual projects and priorities meeting on Nov. 17 to go over projects completed in 2021 and

anticipated in 2022. The special meeting of council was its annual pre-budget discussion meeting, said Mayor Carol Moffatt. While it's not a meeting where final decisions are made, it allows councillors to hear from the head of each municipal department to recap accomplishments in 2021 and anticipated expenditures in 2022.

Moffatt said that some “tough choices” lie ahead, due to the long list of possible projects, which is as a result of population growth

in the area, as well as new ways of doing business brought on by the pandemic.

“The work load remains really heavy, with no sign of letting up. As we go through this process we have to ask if the pace we're going at is sustainable going forward,” Moffatt said. “Community growth is at an all-time high. There are people who are living here longer and permanently, which brings more pressure to operate.”

Chief Administrative Officer Angie Bird echoed the point, saying that during the past year, the township's building, planning and parks and recreation departments dealt with “record numbers” of customers.

One item that drew consensus among councillors was that the growth in the community is putting more pressure on the city's building department.

David Rogers, Algonquin Highlands chief building officer, is scheduled to retire in the new year. Councillors were in support of his recommendation to hire a successor for him, as well as a new bylaw enforcer, so the department is staffed well enough to address the

growing list of bylaw complaints it receives.

“The public, understandably, says why do you put these things in place if you can't enforce them?” said Moffatt.

Rogers is lobbying for the township to provide 40 hours of labour per week for the enforcement of bylaws during the summer months; a point that no one argued with.

At the meeting, council also heard from public works operations manager Lyell Bergstrom, who presented a lengthy list of upgrades needed for local roads and facilities and the airport. The work includes upgrades to the Dorset Recreation Centre, the Stanhope Community Centre and the Oxtongue Community Centre.

Fire chief Mike French presented a report which showed a list of equipment-related upgrades needed. Parks, recreation and trail manager Chris Card showed a list of upgrades needed at parks, trails, docks and landings and lead planner Sean O'Callaghan updated council on new zoning issues that will need to be dealt with in 2022.

Rogers expects to build new tower in Dorset by 2024

by STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Times

A plan by Rogers Communications to build a new telecommunications tower off of Maple Ridge Drive in Dorset is still a go, after Algonquin Highlands council gave the go-ahead at its Nov. 18 virtual meeting.

The project was discussed at a meeting in October but the vote was deferred to allow time for the municipality to ask more questions about the project and another already-existing Bell tower that was causing concerns.

Councillors wondered if the project could be built attached to an already existing Bell Tower, but Rogers said that was not possible. They also got confirmation that the project is

part of, and not in conflict with, an Eastern Ontario Regional Network plan, a project to improve infrastructure for cell phone and internet service to rural areas.

Council also got assurance that an already existing tower, on Kawagama Lake, had a “shield” added to it recently, to minimize the light it emits at night.

The Rogers tower project was first proposed in 2015, but has been delayed. The agreement council now has with Rogers for construction on the tower expires in November 2024.

A report to council said the project fits with the township's strategic plan to maintain infrastructure and “create an environment that fosters year-round economic, cultural and recreational vitality.” It also said it will have no impact on Algonquin Highlands' budget.

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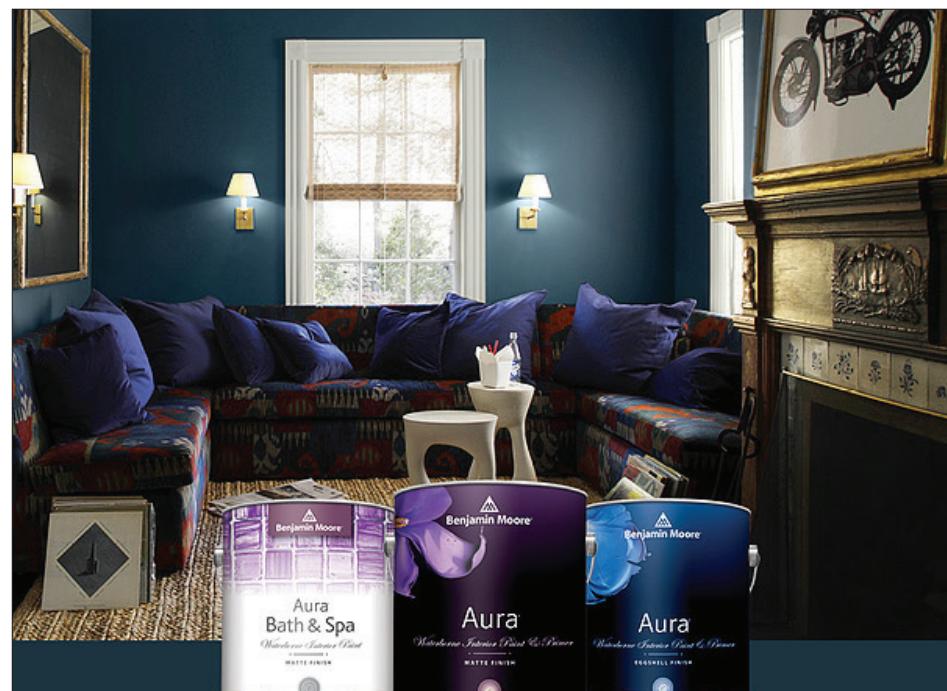
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Flu shot available throughout county

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge board of health meeting held virtually on Nov. 18.

Winter can bring increased cases of COVID-19 alongside influenza season and the health unit is working to provide vaccinations for both even as an increase in other respiratory illnesses is reported.

To date, COVID-19 cases have been low locally with a small increase – at press time, only two unresolved cases had been reported in Haliburton County – but surges have happened throughout the province in the past few weeks. While influenza season peaks from December to February, nine lab-confirmed influenza cases have been reported in Ontario already.

“Although local COVID-19 activity has been low throughout October and the beginning of November, we are experiencing respiratory outbreaks due to other pathogens,” said Bocking in her report to the board. “Increased activity of rhinovirus, parainfluenza virus and Respiratory Syncytial Virus has resulted in several outbreaks among childcare centres, long-term care homes, and retirement homes.”

The universal influenza immunization program launched Oct. 15, with flu shots being available at primary care provider offices and also pharmacies – in Haliburton County that includes Pharmasave in Dorset; Shoppers Drug Mart, Haliburton Highland Pharmacy, Rexall and Independent’s drug store in Haliburton; Pharmasave and Highland Remedy’s Rx pharmacy in Minden and at Wilberforce pharmacy. Clinics are also being held for kids younger than five who do not have a primary healthcare provider. For more information visit www.hkpr.on.ca or call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Board of health urges restoration of vision services

The HKPR board of health wrote to Ontario’s Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Dr. Sheldon Salaba, president

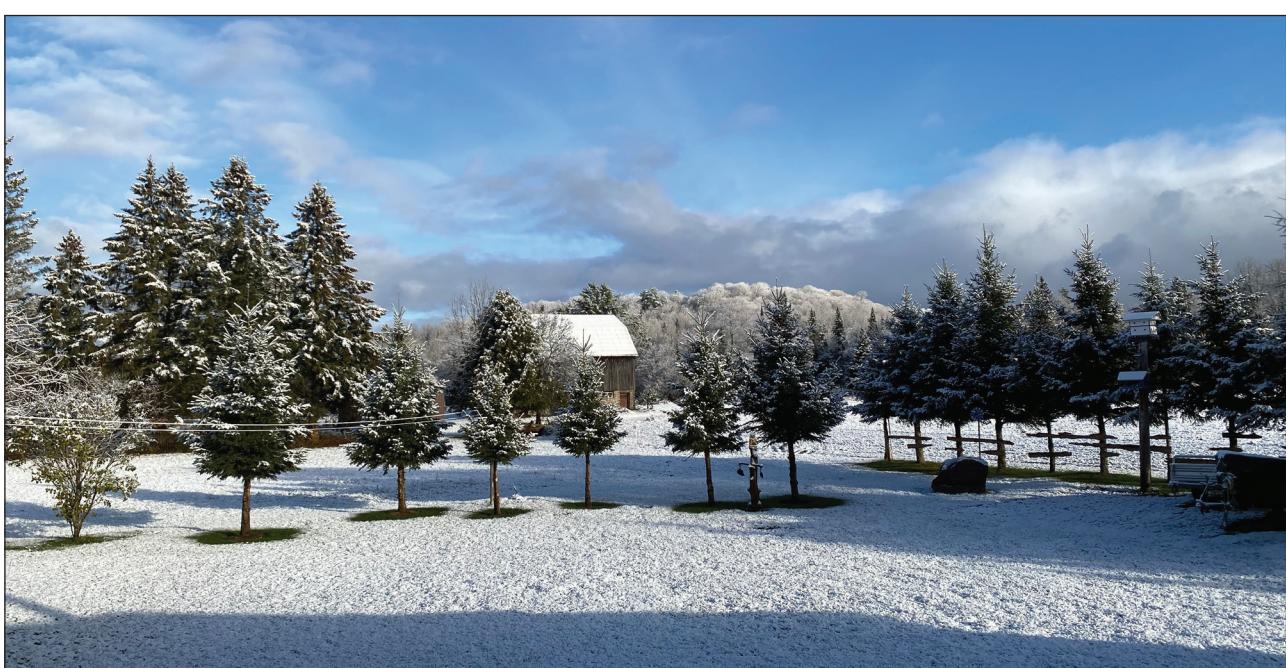
of Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) regarding the dispute between optometrists and the ministry of health which is resulting in a current lack of vision services for patients under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

“As you are aware, as of September 1, 98 per cent of optometrists have discontinued services for the 2.9 million patients covered for eye care under OHIP, including children under 19, people 65 and older and those with certain eye conditions,” reads the letter from the board of health. “This is of particular concern given the concurrent suspension of many public health unit run vision screening programs for children across the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These

programs aim to detect vision issues amongst senior kindergarten students and refer them to local optometrists for follow-up. Even if public health programs were to be reinstated, with no optometrist services available for referrals, children will continue to be left at risk of undetected vision issues as well as other missed diagnoses.”

The letter notes an urgency for the ministry and the OAO to re-enter discussions, “with the goal of restoring vision services as soon as possible for vulnerable Ontarians.”

On Nov. 22, the OAO and government entered formal negotiations, with job action pausing and eye exams resuming as of Nov. 23.



Blue skies smilin' at me

Snow and sunshine on a Monday morning on Bobcaygeon Road. /Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

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Minden man charged in drug trafficking investigation

A Minden Hills resident is one of two people arrested in relation to drug trafficking within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

According to a press release from City of Kawartha Lakes OPP, on Nov. 7, as a result of a drug investigation the OPP Community Street Crime Unit conducted a traffic stop on Highway 12 which resulted in the seizure of:

- approximately 339 grams of suspected cocaine
- 76 grams of suspected methamphetamine
- a large amount of assorted cannabis edibles
- 1.43 kg of dried cannabis
- \$540 of Canadian currency
- a 2007 BMW motor vehicle in relation to the offence

A 39-year-old Minden Hills resident and a 59-year-old Coboconk resident have been charged with:

- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine
- Possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking – methamphetamine

- Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5000
- Possession of over 30g dried cannabis in a public place
- Possession of cannabis for the purpose of distributing.

Both accused are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay at a later date.

Festive RIDE program underway

The 2021 Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign was officially launched by the Central Region Ontario Provincial Police on Nov. 18.

“Drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs continue to pose a significant threat on our roads,” reads a press release from Gosia Puzio, media relations co-ordinator at OPP’s central region headquarters. “Six people have lost their lives in collisions where im-

pairment was a factor on OPP Central Region patrolled roads in 2021. Already this year, OPP Central Region officers have laid 1,862 charges for impaired driving and responded to 447 collisions involving impairment, of which 121 resulted in injury – a 22 per cent increase from last year.”

The Festive RIDE campaign runs from Nov. 18, until Jan. 2, 2022 and is led by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police with collaboration among Ontario police services to keep roads free of alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired drivers. During the campaign, officers will be highly visible as they conduct RIDE initiatives 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Members of the public are reminded to plan to not drive when planning to drink or consume drugs. There are many alternative options to remove impaired driving from the picture, such as a designated driver, taxi, rideshare, public transit or staying the night.

“It’s really simple – choose to be responsible this holiday season,” said Puzio. “If you

can’t drive sober, just don’t drive. If you suspect an impaired driver, make that lifesaving call and dial 911.”

Fill a cruiser for the food bank

The OPP’s annual fill-a-cruiser event in support of local food banks will take place on Dec. 4.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP and the auxiliary unit will be collecting food donations in Minden at Easton’s valuemart from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and at Dollo’s Foodland from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4. On that same day in Haliburton, a cruiser will be set up at Park’s Foodland from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Todd’s Independent Grocer from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All food items stay in the community in which they’re collected.

The OPP expressed thanks to the public for their ongoing support for the event, as well as grocery store owners, managers and staff.

- OPP briefs compiled by Times staff

Working smoke alarm saves man’s life

At 12:30 a.m. (just after midnight) the Minden Hills fire department responded to a structure fire on Tennyson Road on Nov. 20. The fire department had just finished extinguishing a large unattended brush fire when the call came in, the report from 911 was that all occupants were out. The MFD arrived on scene just before 1:00 a.m. with the engine, water truck, rescue, two command units and 11 firefighters. The incident commander called for mutual aid and Dysart et al fire department brought two water trucks, a rescue and 12 firefighters to assist Minden’s team. There were a total of 23 firefighters, one engine and three water trucks.

When they arrived on scene, the Minden fire department encountered heavy smoke and flames, the roof was compromised and flames were spreading fast throughout the small three bedroom cottage. The occupant, who is hearing impaired and wears hearing aids, reported that he was sleeping in the cottage when the insistent noise from the fire alarm woke him. He woke to find flames and heavy smoke filling the cottage. He quickly ran out of the cottage and called 911.

Crews began knocking down the fire and keeping the fire contained to the structure involved. The MFD placed a portable pump in the lake to supply the engine with water. The fire was considered out at 4:00 a.m. -- the crews then switched to overhauling the fire to ensure that there were no hidden hot spots, leaving the scene at 5:00 a.m. There were no firefighters injured and no reported injuries from the occupant.

The loss of a home can be difficult but we were very pleased that the smoke alarm functioned as it was supposed to and there were no injuries, and the occupant was able to leave the building to call 911.

Where there's smoke ...

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- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.



Minden fire department had a busy weekend attending to medical calls, structure fires, vehicle fires, brush fires, downed hydro lines and were still able to join Saturday’s parade. /Submitted by Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson

- Install alarms on every level of the home.
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Busy weekend for Minden Hills Fire Department.

From medical calls, parades, to structure fires the Minden Hills fire department was active this weekend for a total of 37 hours of calls for Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday,

Nov. 21. The volunteers did exceptional this weekend with multiple calls and long hours. We responded to medical calls, vehicle fires, brush fire, structure fires and hydro lines down and were still able to join the parade on Saturday.

I am very proud of the volunteers that were able to assist this weekend and the long hours that were put in by all. The community should be proud of the volunteers that provide the township with the fire and rescue protection that they deserve, the volunteers always go above expectations when they are called upon.

Submitted by Nelson Johnson,
Minden Hills fire chief



Santa sighting at Cultural Centre

Above, a family meets with Santa Claus and Rudolph inside the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Christmas in the Village following the annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, two-year-old Vincent Stewart of Minden shows off his candy cane to Santa Claus at the post-Santa Claus Parade event, Christmas in the Village hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Minden.

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Entertainer David Archibald sings, entertaining visitors to the post-Santa Claus Parade Christmas in the Village event hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Minden. The event featured Santa and opportunities for photos, and an artists' marketplace. Also, children were encouraged to bring their letters to be delivered to the North Pole. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Santa draws hundreds

Three-year-old Elliott Archer of Coboconk watches the annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Minden. Hundreds of people like Elliott and her family came to this year's event, which was held for the first time since the pandemic started. /Photos by DARREN LUM Staff

Father Christmas, who was portrayed by long-time resident Jack Brezina in honour of Sinclair Russell, waves to the crowd during the annual Santa Claus Parade. Crowds lined Bobcaygeon Road and were up to eight people deep at places.



The Ontario Junior Hockey League team, the Haliburton County Huskies were one of many participants to join in the return of the annual Santa Claus Parade. Local minor hockey players joined the team in marching down the street.

Organized by the Minden Hills Township, the annual Santa Claus Parade returned after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic and it showed, as hundreds of people lined Bobcaygeon Road from the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to the downtown. This year's event included 30 floats, two pipe bands and a wind symphony. There were a record 13 new floats for the parade. Elisha Weiss of Minden Hills township wrote in an email, "The parade is essentially reliant on community groups, organizations and businesses to make it a success and without their participation it would be pretty dismal. So I am extremely happy to see everyone rallying together to provide such a great event to the community!"



Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer wave to the crowds during the annual Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 20 in Minden. The parade was returning after being cancelled last year due to the pandemic.



The annual Santa Claus Parade drew big crowds and colour, as seen with this Minden Pride float.



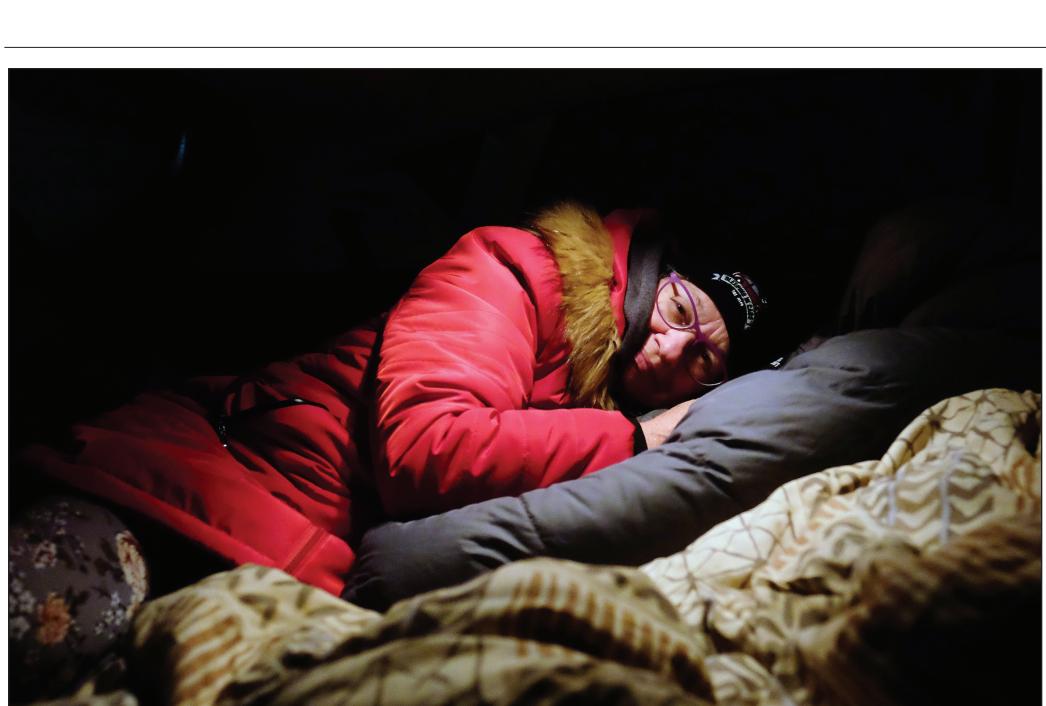
Members of the Minden Fire Department wave from their vehicle

Sleeping in Cars event doubles previous fundraising efforts

The record setting total of more than \$12,500 easily surpassed the 2019 Sleeping in Cars event total of close to \$6,000. This success is attributed to the 14 participants, including three families and to the support by Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Abbey Gardens, the Rotaract Club, who helped with the snack bar, Tammy Rea for the drive-in movies and SIRCH Community Services for breakfast. It's worth noting the "Chilly Chicks," who are Sylvia Claridge and Val Jarvis, slept in their vehicles at a driveway off of Airport Road and raised more than \$3,000.



Participants warm themselves by the fire during the Sleeping in Cars event.



With her Sleeping in Cars toque on, Fay Martin of Minden shows how she spent the night in a sub-compact car during the Sleeping in Cars event to raise awareness and money for homelessness on Friday, Nov. 19 at the parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Brewing, located outside of West Guilford. Martin was the top fundraiser with a little more than \$5,500 raised. Places for People, which organizes Sleeping in Cars, is a local organization that "creates and manages secure, quality housing in Haliburton County for low and moderate-income renters and creates the conditions in which they can thrive," per their website.

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Max Ward of Minden, who is a treasurer for Places for People, watches *It's a Wonderful Life* from his vehicle with his children during the Sleeping in Cars fundraiser.

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Youth Hub program offers job 'lift'



Mary Sisson, Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub manager, and Ryan Martin, Lift program individual placement and support worker, spoke with the *Times* last week about a program designed to help youth find meaningful employment within the community. /NICK BERNARD Staff

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

In the basement of a former church in Haliburton is a vivid and modern office space consulted and, in part, designed by local youth. The space serves an important function in making sure Haliburton youth feel encouraged to grow and succeed.

It is the Haliburton Youth Hub, run by the Point in Time Centre, and it's where the Lift program is helping youth aged 14 to 25 find meaningful employment within the community.

Operating since 2020, Lift is part of a cross-Canada pilot project by the Canadian Association for Mental Health (CAMH). Haliburton was chosen as a pilot hub because of its rural setting, as CAMH's interest is in seeing how the program would best succeed across all parts of the country. Lift is also running pilot programs in places like B.C. and the Maritimes.

Ryan Martin is part of the Hub's integrated team, acting as Lift's Individual Placement and Support worker. He works with clients directly in addressing their needs, developing their skills, and helping them navigate the workplace once they are employed.

The Lift program utilizes an individual placement and sup-

port model that Martin describes as an evidence-based approach for supported employment.

"One of the principles of that is Zero Exclusion, which means that the only criterion for them to participate in the program is a desire to work," Martin said. He provides most of the Hub's employment services, and works one-on-one with each client to learn their individual needs and interests before matching them up with a suitable employer.

"Supports are ... within the client's preferences," he said. Lift is unique in that individual plans continue for as long as a client needs them, "so there's really no set limit to the supports we can provide. And, sort of just working with them and being creative, finding out what their needs are, and asking them what they could use help with as they're going through their employment."

Mary Sisson is the Haliburton Youth Hub's manager.

"Something that we don't see as much [in other programs] and that I appreciate [with Lift] is the long-term support that youth can get," she said. "Not just in preparing for a job or for education goals, but also ... support as long as they need it."

She also describes the program's approach toward changing the way people think about mental health and employment. She describes it as using employment as a way of improving someone's mental health.

"Rather than waiting for someone to be complete, or saying, you know, let's help you get better before you find a job," she said.

Martin says he sees youth succeed through engagement with the hub and the Lift program in particular, and by seeing how youth's lives improve when they have the independence afforded to them by having a job.

"The desire to work has been seen in this program as the most important predictor for success," said Martin. "People have come in, and they say they're struggling with certain things and we give them encouragement. We work from a strength-based perspective and just say, 'yeah, we can find you a job, and we can work on any of these pieces that are challenging at the same time.'"

Martin and Sisson both agree that seeing the improvements in their clients in real-time has been their greatest satisfaction.

"Really, just seeing how the youth start to improve with engagement in the programs here," Martin said. "It's been really exciting just to see them build rapport with us and get more comfortable, and then see them building confidence. That's really exciting."

"It's just really incredible to see how employment can change someone's motivation," Sisson agreed. "It's lovely to see."

The Lift program sets out to get youth employed within a month, something that Martin has had huge success in fulfilling.

"Nobody so far has gone past the 30 days. They have been employed within the timeline that this model sets out."

Martin says one of the challenges he faces is getting youth to see how employment will benefit them, especially if they're struggling. Sometimes, he said, some youth don't engage after the first meeting with him, sometimes because they doubt their readiness and capability.

"There's a lot to do in the first meeting, even in the first few meetings," he said. "So, it's getting that across to them that we do understand that with mental health challenges it can be hard, but that they do have the capability and the readiness."

Sisson agrees, saying that changing the way people perceive the benefits of being employed is a key aspect of the program.

"One of the values and beliefs of [Individual Support Plans, like what Lift provides] is that employment can be a part of treatment," Sisson said. "And in most cases, it helps someone's mental health improve, rather than waiting for someone's treatment to be complete and saying 'let's help you get better before you find a job.'"

Lift is just one of the Haliburton Youth Hub's services. In addition to Martin as the IPS worker, there is also a full-time nurse practitioner, mental health and addiction supports, peer support, and care coordination.

The Hub is also registered with Rainbow Health, and provides trans-positive and other sexual health supports. The Hub also has partnerships with institutions across the county, including with the Haliburton County Public Library.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 25, you can visit the Hub in Haliburton at 12 Dysart Avenue, near the Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

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Minden's Book Nook reopens for browsing

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

A sign hangs on the door leading into the corner room at the Minden Hills library branch, a room packed wall-to-wall with books.

The Book Nook is Open! One Person Inside At A Time. Please Wear A Mask.

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library have been running the Book Nook out of the Minden Hills branch for years.

Since July, the Friends have been holding the Book Nook outside. Now, it returns to its usual corner of the Minden library, with some restrictions in place.

The Book Nook allows readers to make a small donation in exchange for a gently used book.

Sue Sisson, who volunteers with the Friends of the HCPL, said the benefits of the Book Nook extend to everyone in the county.

"Really, the benefits go to everyone and all the libraries in Haliburton County," she said.

She described the steps the Friends took in consulting with local health authorities in order to allow them to move outside.

"They said I could do it outside on the porch in the Minden library," Sisson said. "And as long as I measured the tables where the two meters part."

The modified Book Nook also provided hand sanitizer and masks to book browsers. As well, with money needing to be handled indirectly, the pricing model for the Book Nook changed.

Previously, books were available for a fee – 50¢ for paperback, and \$1 for hardcover. In light of the pandemic, purchases made in the Book Nook are now by donation.

"We have lots of categories, so there's a good variety for people," Sisson said. "And now they can just pay by donation, so it's great, especially in our area ... it really provides a way that they can just, you know, put in a little bit of change to get their book. And if they can't afford it, we don't worry about that -- just take a book and enjoy it!"



Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, from left, Georgina Kernoan, Pat Brezina, Sybil Roodenburg, Sue Sisson, Rozanne Hynard, Jan Heffer and Sue Reid are welcoming the public back to the Book Nook, located in Minden's library. /NICK BERNARD Staff

According to Sisson, the Book Nook has raised \$1777.25 since July, with all proceeds going back to the library.

In pre-pandemic times, the Friends would raise money for the library beyond just the Book Nook. When lockdowns started rolling out, the Friends were preparing for a sale of mystery/thriller novels. In-person fundraisers have been scaled back, for now, so the Friends are moving their fundraising efforts online.

On Dec. 1 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library will be presenting the Friends Café and an event titled Blades & Beyond, featuring four-time figure skating world champion Kurt Browning, who cottages in Minden. It will be a virtual conversation, where Browning will share stories about his life and career in a humorous and engaging fashion.

Membership to the Friends of the HCPL is also available. Being a member includes being the first to know about things that are happening around the library and at the Book Nook, as well as information on events like the Friends Café. Memberships are \$5 for the year.

Information about how to register for the Friends Café is available on the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Facebook page or those interested can email Pat Brezina, another Friend of the Haliburton County Public Library: patbrezina@hotmail.com

There are smaller iterations of the Book Nook at the libraries in Haliburton and Wilberforce.

More information about the Book Nook and the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library can be found on the Friends Facebook page or at fohcpl.wordpress.com.

Highlands Summer Festival returns to the stage

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

In 2020, the Highlands Summer Festival went dark alongside theatres across the world. Now, with pandemic restrictions lifting, the festival has announced that it will be returning for the 2022 season at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from July 4 to Aug. 11.

It's been a long two years, and, according to festival advertising lead Jack Brezina, the excitement around the return of the festival has been building.

"When I go shopping or I'm downtown or whatever, [people] always want to know 'are you back?' or 'are you coming back?'" Brezina told the *Times*. The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which is located in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has recently started allowing events to return to the space, while continuing to follow the advice of local health units. This has allowed the festival team to proceed with this year's program.

"We're looking at the new [COVID] requirements ... we're aware these things are in flux all the time," Brezina said. "We are prepared to implement what is required, which right now is proof of vaccination, people wearing masks, etcetera."

The headlining show this year is Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*, which opens on July 4 and will run for 10 performances, including three matinees. Other shows include Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and the one-man play *Every Brilliant Thing*, which Brezina promises is unlike anything the festival has done before.

"We're going to do theatre-in-the-round," Brezina said, describing a form of theatre where the audience surrounds the stage at all angles. "It's a single actor who starts a monologue, but then invites the audience to participate."

Rounding out the festival lineup is *Lucien*, about a French man from New Brunswick who shares his wry observations on the world, and *Across The Pond*, an exploration of the

British Invasion featuring live music from Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band.

Preparations for the festival have been ongoing, though much of the behind-the-scenes work has been put on hold because of the pandemic.

"Everybody's been treading water to a certain extent," said Brezina, "We knew when we shut it down that we'd be doing these shows, so there's been some preparation taking place ... Now we're about to turn the switch on. So, away we go."

By the time this year's season begins, it will have been two years since the festival's last performance, leaving the community without the immersive cultural dimension the summer theatre series provides.

"It enriches the artistic fabric of the community," Brezina said, "It makes use of that facility, the high school, the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion which would otherwise sit vacant for the summer."

Brezina also said that it's important to have things like live theatre in a given community in order to attract people to live there, as it provides more amenities for locals, tourists, and retirees alike.

"Live theatre says that [Haliburton County] has reached an artistic level that is attractive to a certain part of the community. I think we provide an important asset to the enrichment of the community."

Auditions will be taking place after the New Year, and will follow all recommended precautions to prevent the spread COVID-19.

"We're going to be insisting people are double-vaxed," Brezina said. "If the distancing is needed ... then we'll rehearse in such a fashion that protects everybody's well-being."

When it comes to the actors performing close to each other on stage, Brezina said some scenes can be re-imagined to reduce the risk between actors, audience members, and the stage crew.

"We're hoping for the best," he said. "We're hoping things are going to loosen up."

Season passes are on sale now for \$160, and will be avail-

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Bonnie Roe, right, received the 2021 Strategic Win For Change Award from the Institute for Change Leaders, an organization founded by Olivia Chow, centre, for her work with the Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition which Roe formed with Mike Perry, left. The award recognizes Roe's advocacy for lasting change in long-term care facilities, noting her work in accomplishing strategic goals and "winning a real victory for social change." /Submitted photo



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Pond hockey plans for return

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

“Pondimonium” is back and the hope is it serves as another step towards life before the pandemic, said John Teljeur, organizer of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

After a two-year hiatus, the pond hockey tournament is returning to the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton.

It starts with the Jan. 28 to 29 weekend and then finishes with the Feb. 4 to 5 weekend. The event has drawn upwards of 1,000 men and women organized into 10 divisions, playing close to 300 games on the 14-acre pond over two weekends in front of the hotel located beside County Road 21.

Teljeur, who doesn’t expect as many players this year, is excited about holding the event, but is cautiously optimistic. He believes this event is what the community needs.

“Let’s just give this a shot and see what happens. The players were driving us crazy. They were like, ‘Are we doing it? Are we doing?’ If we can, yeah,” he said.

He adds volunteers had also been inquiring about the event, which was primarily uncertain because of the ever-changing landscape regarding health recommendations pertaining to COVID-19.

“You couldn’t go through the grocery store [when] people that know me they would say, ‘John, I keep getting asked about pond hockey.’ I wish I knew. So, it was like, OK, guys. We got to get back to some sort of normalcy and maybe this is what some of us need, so let’s just give it a shot and if we can’t do it, we can’t, but right now we can. So, let’s give



it our best shot,” he said.

“It would be a really huge step to getting back our lives. We’ve been apart for almost two years. Because the event is so much fun I think a lot of people really need that more than they probably had. It’s one of those things. You get to bond with people and have some fun and be yourselves for a weekend. It’s a nice way to get back into things,” he said.

Teljeur said he welcomes volunteers to help him run the event, which makes a donation to the Heat Bank Haliburton County, particularly with game management.

With a minimum of a four-hour shift, volunteers are not only permitted access to indoor venues where live entertainment is ex-

pected, but will be given swag, as provided by sponsors, and fed meals during their time helping. He adds individuals under 18 are welcome, but need to have adult supervision by a parent or guardian. If interested register online with the event’s website (canadapondhockey.ca) or contact organizers.

Masking will be required when entering facilities and players must be double-vaccinated to participate in the closed event. Players, volunteers and resort staff will be permitted to go inside to eat or watch the planned live entertainment. Teljeur wasn’t sure about indoor events because of capacity limits related to COVID-19 protocols, but is considering an outdoor option with a tent.

“I just don’t know which way it’s going to

go, so we have to keep all our options open,” he said.

Typically, the event’s organization starts in June with previous year’s teams being contacted first, but this year’s start occurred just a few weeks ago with registration.

Now, it’s all about waiting for any changes to provincial guidelines pertaining to health measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

“Pray that we’re on the right side of this thing so we can do this because I think this can be a nice distraction, including myself who has just about had enough of this stuff. It’s exhausting. This is not going to be a picnic, but it’s worth the effort, if we can just get back to a little bit of normalcy,” he said.



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GET TO KNOW THE HUSKIES: OLIVER TARR

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

Oliver Tarr has been setting the OJHL alight with his impressive league leading 19 goals, and quite possibly the goal of the year with his Michigan-style goal against the North York Rangers. However, there are a lot of things fans might not know about Tarr. In this first edition of Get to Know the Huskies we will be diving into the career of Uxbridge's very own Oliver Tarr.

Tarr got his start in hockey at the age of six, which he considered to be a little later than some players. With his dad being a former hockey player himself, he was eager to get Tarr on skates to hopefully have him catch the hockey bug.

"My dad built me an outdoor rink to skate on during the winter when I was younger," Tarr said. "He was a former player so he definitely wanted to get me into hockey early and I fell in love with the game."

Growing up a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Tarr attended a handful of games which further cemented his love of the game. Tarr looked up to Sidney Crosby and Pavel Datsyuk. Watching them play against each other in the 2008-09 playoffs really resonated with Tarr and he models a lot of his playing styles from them.

Joining the OJHL's Whitby Fury in the 2018-19 season as an affiliated player (AP), Tarr only played four games in his first taste of the league. However in his second season, Tarr was able to score 37 points with 17 goals and 20 assists. Tarr ventured to New Brunswick to play 13 games with the Miramichi Timberwolves before heading back to the OJHL with the newly relocated Haliburton County Huskies.

"I wasn't drafted in my OHL year coming out of minor midget," Tarr added. "I used that as motivation to play one more year of minor midget before joining Whitby as an AP. Using that experience to get my feet wet in the league, I made the team the next season and it's all been uphill since."

While some players may experience a culture shock moving from a large city like Whitby to a small town like Minden, Tarr actually enjoys the quietness of the town. His family owns a cottage in the area so he is no stranger to the county. When the opportunity to play here came, he jumped on it quickly.

"I really like the peace and quiet of the town," Tarr said. "It's nice because you're able to focus, with not too many distractions, and [I can] keep heading towards my goals. While I do like the quietness of the town, it's not too quiet in the Minden arena on Saturday nights which I absolutely love."

Most of the team billets, which means the



Oliver Tarr has been setting the OJHL alight with his impressive league leading 19 goals. /Photo by Shawn Muir, OJHL Images

teammates spend a lot of time together and bond.

"A large amount of the players billet up here so I think it brings us a lot closer," Tarr said. "In Whitby, a majority of the team lived at their own homes with a few people billeting. In Minden, most of the guys you hang out with tend to be my teammates whereas when you lived at home you could see your buddies away from the rink. Whenever we tend to do something we usually always do it as a team."

Despite not being drafted into the OHL, Tarr is using his time with the Huskies to hopefully earn himself an NCAA Division I scholarship. With many young players choosing to take the NCAA route, including NHL stars Johnny Gaudreau and Brady Tkachuk, Tarr hopes to one day be drafted by his hometown Maple Leafs.

"My goal with the Huskies is to earn an NCAA Division I Scholarship," Tarr said. "Whether that is this year or next year I'm not sure but I'm really using this league to showcase to the schools what I can do. I have a good amount of interest so far, so it's all coming to fruition."

Being the star player of a new franchise can't be done without a great team around you, and Tarr will never stop praising all the

The energy brought by the Minden fans has been unreal for Tarr, who credits the fans with a lot of help in giving the team a boost on game nights.

"First impressions are so important, especially when you come to a town that hasn't had junior hockey in a while," Tarr added. "All of the older fans are excited to have hockey back and it's our job to put on a good show every night. Being able to hear your name around town and in the paper is also pretty surreal."

The team is currently second in the East Division, one of the closest in the league – seven points off of Trenton in first and seven points ahead of Cobourg in last. Tarr mentioned that the team needs to bring their A-game, and credits head coach Ryan Ramsay as a great person who has helped not just Tarr but the team succeed.

Working under Ramsay has been a great learning experience and has helped Tarr grow as a player.

"I have nothing but good things to say about Coach Ryan," Tarr said. "He is always giving me good feedback and helping me grow as a player. Even when we lose, Coach is always trying to make us better whether it be offensively or defensively. He is really supportive in helping us get to the next level and I'm really thankful for all he does."

Tarr concluded by saying he will never forget his time in Haliburton, being pumped to be able to play in front of sold-out crowds every night. While he isn't too sure where his journey will take him, what he does know is his time here will always be with him.



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**December 11 @ 4:30 p.m.
vs the Wellington Dukes**



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Jim Ross
President Br. 636

Huskies take down Admirals and Patriots, fall to Cougars



by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies went on an extended four-game Ontario Junior Hockey League road trip facing off against the North York Rangers, Caledon Admirals, Toronto Patriots and concluding against the Cobourg Cougars.

The Huskies went 2-1-0-1 during the road trip, picking up a total of five out of eight potential points. In the first game played Sunday (Nov. 14) at the Herbert Carnegie Centre, the Huskies jumped out to a 3-0 lead courtesy of goals from Nick Athanasaskos, and two from Oliver Tarr. One of which was an amazing Michigan style goal – when a player picks up

the puck from the ice surface (like a lacrosse player) and carries it up to score, putting the puck in the top corner while standing behind the net in one motion.

The Rangers, who have dropped both prior meetings with the Huskies wanted revenge. Netting two in the second period, the Rangers would tie the game up in the third off a goal from Luca Rea.

At 3:15 in the OT period, Anthony Piccininno would score unassisted to give the Rangers the win and keep the Huskies at only one point gained.

Three days later, the Huskies headed to Caledon to take on the Admirals for the first time in franchise history. The Huskies exploded for an amazing and diverse display of offense, Sam Solarino netted his sixth goal of the season with Jonah Cochrane netting his first career OJHL goal.

In the second, Huskies forward Ethan Gonsalves netted his first career OJHL goal with Athanasaskos netting a goal in back-to-back games. Ending the period at 4-0, the Huskies had one more period to go and they weren't done scoring yet.

Lucas Stevenson added his sixth goal of the season on the power play, while the Admirals' Jack Guerra failed to convert on a penalty shot. The final goal of the contest was tallied by Sam Solarino for his second of the game and seventh of the season, his short-handed goal was assisted by Haliburton's own, Ryan Hall.

The final game of the week was held on

Saturday (Nov. 20) at the Westwood Arena in Etobicoke against the Patriots. Toronto would jump to an early 1-0 lead thanks to a goal from Jacob Guest. The Huskies answered with two of their own. Athanasaskos tallied a goal in his third game in a row, while Bryce Richardson scored on the power play. Stevenson added another on the power play for the only goal of the second.

The final goal of the contest came off the stick of Toronto's Nolan Lowe, but the Huskies held on for a 3-2 victory.

In the team's visit to Cobourg, the Cougars

needed a win to elevate them off of the bottom of the standings. The Huskies opened the game with Athanasaskos scoring a goal in his fourth game in a row. However, the Cougars would score six consecutive goals, with two from Kallaway Mercer and goals from Jakob Morier, Issac Pascoal, Andy Reist and Tucker Firth. The Cougars would dominate for a 6-1 victory.

The next Huskies home game will be Friday, Nov. 26 in a rematch with the Cougars, who were blown out 5-0 in their last visit to the S.G. Nesbitt memorial arena.



The Haliburton County Huskies and wee pups in their fan club filled the streets for Minden's Santa Claus parade on Saturday. /Photo by Lorry Brandon

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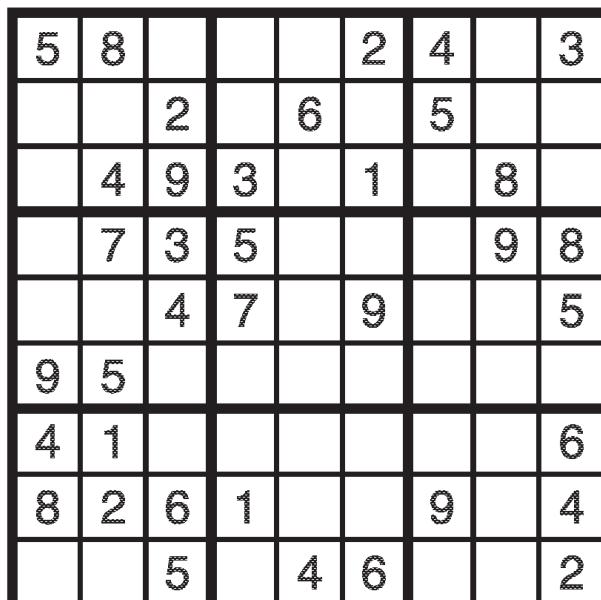
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Answers on page 24

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County Life



Storm solid at Cody Hodgson Classic

Highland Storm under-18 rep goalie Ethan Dobson readies for the shot, looking past Midland players and a teammate at the Cody Hodgson Classic hockey tournament on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the S.G. Nesbitt memorial arena in Minden. The Storm lost to Midland 3-1, but went on to beat Niagara 2-1, lose 2-1 to Belleville, beat Bancroft 1-0 in the B semi-final and then lost 6-0 to Owen Sound in the B final of the tournament held from Nov. 20 to 21. /Photos by DARREN LUM Staff

Highland Storm under-18 rep player Nick Phippen takes the faceoff against Midland Centennials Keaton Barren at the Cody Hodgson Classic hockey tournament.



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2022 Municipal Election Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for appointment to a **Joint Compliance Audit Committee**.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee will consist of members appointed by each Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to candidates that have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Accounting and audit – accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- Legal; and
- Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked "Confidential" no later than Noon on November 30, 2021 to:

**Robyn Rogers, Clerk
Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East
2249 Loop Road, P.O. Box 295, Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0**

For further information, please contact Robyn Rogers, Clerk by email at rogers@highlandseast.ca

*We thank all applicants for applying, but only the selected candidates will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is collected and used in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.*

GENERATIONS

Shining a light on remembrance at Hyland Crest

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." - Benjamin Disraeli

November has ushered in a month to remember and the residents of Hyland Crest have been taking part in multiple activities that focus on honouring those with us who served, loved ones who have passed, as well as all those currently serving our country.

Residents began the month by creating memorial boards which prominently displayed all the names of their family and friends who were lost in battle. On Nov. 6, our residents gathered to exchange memories of wartime. Here, they shared memories of the day they said goodbye to their loved ones as they left for war and discussed what life was like for those left behind. This program was particularly special wherein it offered residents the opportunity to share their hearts and for some, a few tears too.

Another hit this month were the handmade poppy cards residents created in honour of those currently serving. These cards included personalized words of encouragement which were sent to the Wounded Warriors of Canada organiza-

tion that supports Canada's ill and injured members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Originally, our intention was to send them to another military base, however all agreed that those suffering from the impacts of war would especially benefit from our residents' kind words.

On Nov. 11 we held our Remembrance Day service as outlined by the Veteran Affairs of Canada Service guide. It was a very honouring service that included special assistance from our five veterans. We are very happy to hear the positive reports still being shared among the residents - this is exactly the response we were hoping for.

On Nov. 19, residents created battery-operated Remembrance luminaries that now shine in their rooms throughout the night as a tribute to their loved ones who gave their lives.

As we with full hearts say goodbye to November, we step into the joyous season of celebration, Christmas ... and celebrate - that we will.

Submitted by Lindsay Lester, Life Enrichment Program Manager, HHHS



Marjorie Brown shows the battery-operated Remembrance luminary residents made at Hyland Crest on Nov. 19. The craft will shine in Hyland Crest rooms throughout the night as a tribute to loved ones who gave their lives during wartime.

Hyland Crest residents have been taking part in multiple activities throughout the month to honour those who served, loved ones who have passed, and those currently serving the country.



Hyland Crest residents began the month by creating memorial boards to display the names of their family and friends who died in battle.



Freida Williamson created a Remembrance luminary at Hyland Crest on Nov. 19. A battery-operated candle shines in the jar intended to pay tribute to loved ones who died while serving the country.

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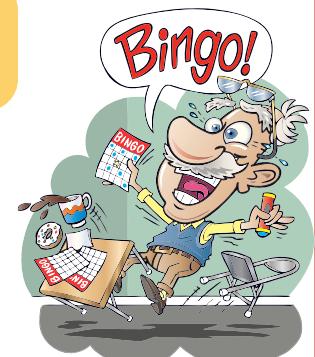
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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

How to better appreciate rocks, boulders and more rocks

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A jolly good time

The Humphries-Thomas family celebrated the annual Jolly Jog with friends by getting festive despite the lack of snow after warm rain. From left, Olivia, Stuart, Tristan, Joleen, Violet and Finn./Photo submitted by Joleen Thomas



NOTICE
Fees and Charges

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2021-45 at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated: November 24th, 2021

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steep climb after you leave the small creeks at the trail's low point. If you are in any sort of sunshine, you will find yourself climbing steeply up a ridge of obvious N-S orientation. The cliffs of the layered gneiss rock push you toward the Shelter Rock itself.

How did it get there and why is a big flake lying on the ground right beside it? If you go behind the Shelter Rock itself, you will find a whole jumble of different-sized rocks which can be climbed with only a little difficulty. To get an understanding of how they got there, you need to picture in your mind the whole ridge as being utterly cleared of trees and other plants, as it would be after all the ice had melted. The melting itself had taken over 10,000 years, starting with an ice thickness of one or two kilometres. At some stage near the end of the melting, there would have been perhaps only 10 to 20 m of ice depth over the crest of the ridge and more, maybe 50 m, in the lower valleys. The power and warmth of the sun would have melted much ice during every day, the meltwater would run down into slits and cracks in the rocks and the cold of the nights would freeze the water and force the cracks open. As you left the rocks beside the trail at the bottom of the hill, many of them were broken, but the snow depth there at the time when the Shelter Rock split off from the ridge crest was likely much greater. So there would have been less splitting of rocks because this melting and re-freezing action was less vigorous.

In at least one other place within hiking distance, near Sherborne Lake dam, there is another southfacing rocky ridge with a broken-up crest. A winter visit to the area can provide spectacular views of the frozen waterfall of Sherborne Creek. But that is another story.

Submitted by Peter Brogden

Share your knowledge on any topic and submit your 'how to' columns to sue@haliburtonpress.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Smith (Deborah and Steven)
Lot 15, Concession 7
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 7, and part Lot 15, Concession 7, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 7, and part of Lot 15, Concession 7, described as a land singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 7, and Part of Lot 15, Concession 7, described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10549.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **9th day of December, 2021** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: November 24th, 2021

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Cats of Paint Lake rescue of the month



Meet Ruby

Abandoned in the Gooderham area when her previous owner moved away, Ruby was rescued by a kind and quick thinking neighbour. She came to us nervous, but oh-so-sweet - and also pregnant! Ruby gave birth to four beautiful kittens, and then was prevailed upon to foster two more from a mama who couldn't care for hers. With the help of her rescuer-turned-foster-family, she raised all of those babies, and they have all been adopted out. Now it is Ruby's turn to have a forever home of her own.

She is a beautiful blonde/brown haired tabby cat with brilliant almond-shaped green eyes. She is affectionate with people, adults and children, not too bad with dogs, but uncertain and defensive with other cats. She is spayed, fully vaccinated, and microchipped.

(Side note: the daddy cat has also been trapped and is currently in our rescue.)

The Cats of Paint Lake is a federally-incorporated not-for-profit rescue for stray and feral cats. It is our goal to find great homes or placements for all of the cats and kittens in our care. Email catsofpaintlake@gmail.com, visit thecatsofpaintlake.ca or call (705) 854-0627 to learn more.

MINDEN HILLS

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Request for Interested Parties

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-Law 11-61.

Interested Parties would be required to perform any or all of the following duties:

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- Dilapidated/collapsed, fully constructed or partially constructed structures

Proof of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$5 Million with The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills named as additional insured and WSIB are mandatory.

Please submit letters of interest along with proof of Liability Insurance and WSIB coverage by mail, in person or email to:

Mail:
Property Standards/Clerks Department
Township of Minden Hills
PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON
K0M 2K0

Email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Virtue
Lot 26, Concession 5
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: MacKay
Lot 6, Concession 8
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Gattermaier
Lot 25, Concession 4
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 4, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **9th day of December, 2021** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: November 24th, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Quigg
Lot 23, Concession 14
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 14, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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FIRSTLY: THAT part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 23, Concession 14, described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10542.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Kan & Purves
Lot 15, Concession 2
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 2, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 15, Concession 2, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10532.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Ford
Lot 5, Concession 4
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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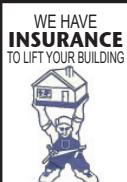
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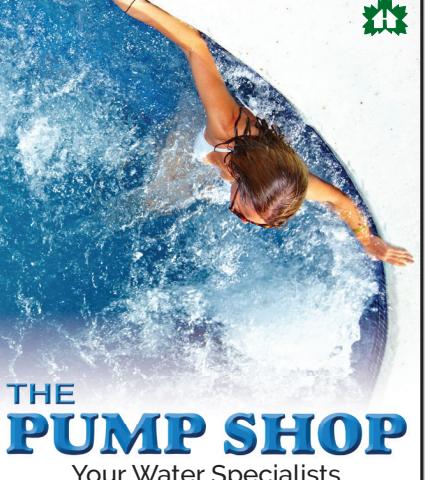


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Councillor Peter
 Oyler on water
 management costs
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Girl saves woman from fire

by JENN WATT
 Editor

Ten-year-old Taylor Colman is being called a hero by pretty much everyone in Minden after helping an elderly woman out of her burning apartment Nov. 24.

Taylor and her sister Jayme, 6, were visiting their grandma, Sherin Brown at Staanworth Terrace apartments on Parkside Street after school on Tuesday evening when the fire alarm started ringing.

The fire was two apartments down the hall, and the kids knew instantly that their neighbour was in trouble.

"I yelled into the apartment and told her to come out as fast as she could," Taylor recalls.

The neighbour heard her calls and came to the patio, where she

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Chad Ingram/TIMES



Jack Brezina, dressed as Minden pioneer Daniel Buck, and Linda Litwin of Minden's sesquicentennial committee walked along beside the committee's float, which featured a giant birthday cake at Minden's Santa Claus Parade last weekend. More photos on page 4.

Carnarvon fire protection on agenda

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Carnarvon residents will be happy to know that the fire services standby agreement between Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands may be salvaged yet.

Last month, Algonquin Highlands

councillors and Carnarvon residents were upset to learn that Minden Hills's fire chief had suggested eliminating a \$5,000 standby agreement with Algonquin Highlands as part of his efforts to cut his budget.

For the last 20 years, Minden Hills (and formerly Minden

township) has paid Algonquin Highlands (and formerly Stanhope township) a flat standby fee for the year and in return, Stanhope firefighters attend medical calls and car crashes in the Carnarvon area, which is part of Minden Hills.

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